In the claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for providing medical information of a vehicle user, comprising:

a key device ~~including~~ having stored therein an encryption code associated with the medical information of [[a]] the vehicle user;

~~a telematics unit in communication with a vehicle data network;~~

a transient memory storage located within the vehicle and in communication with the key device, the transient memory storage configured to i) receive a transmission of the encryption code from the key device, and ii) temporarily store the encryption code ~~and the vehicle data network~~; [[and]]

a telematics unit in communication with the transient memory storage device and configured to receive a transmission of the encryption code from the transient memory storage in response to an emergency event; and

a call center in wireless communication with the telematics unit via a wireless network, wherein the call center is configured to i) receive a transmission of the encryption code ~~stored medical information is transmitted~~ from the ~~transient storage of the vehicle via the vehicle data network to the~~ telematics unit in response to the emergency event, and ~~wherein the stored medical information~~ ii) transfer the received encryption code to emergency personal ~~is transferable from the telematics unit to the call center via the wireless network~~.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the transient memory storage is in communication with the key device ~~is in communication with the transient storage~~ via a vehicle data network, and wherein the vehicle data network is a local short range wireless network.

3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the key device comprises a key fob, the key fob including:

a controller for receiving the encryption code ~~personal information~~ and storing the encryption code ~~personal information~~ in a persistent memory; and

a transceiver for sending ~~information~~ the stored encryption code ~~in the persistent memory~~ to the transient memory storage located in the vehicle.

4 - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of sensors for detecting damage to the vehicle during [[an]] the emergency event, the plurality of sensors operably connected to the telematics unit, ~~and~~ wherein ~~upon the occurrence of an~~ when the emergency event occurs, at least one of the plurality of sensors sends a signal to the telematics unit indicating that [[an]] the emergency event has occurred.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the key device comprises a key including an embedded microchip having a persistent memory storage for storing the encryption code ~~vehicle user's medical information~~.

10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 3, further comprising:

a biometric sensor located on the key fob and operably connected to the controller, the biometric sensor for sensing biometric data of at least one vehicle user.

11. (Currently amended) A method for providing medical information of a vehicle user, the method comprising:

~~receiving vehicle user medical information~~ storing an encryption code in a key device, the encryption code associated with the medical information stored in a database;

transmitting the ~~medical information~~ encryption code from the key device to a vehicle storage unit and temporarily storing the transmitted encryption code in the vehicle storage unit ~~within a vehicle~~; [[and]]

transmitting, from the vehicle storage unit to an in-vehicle telematics unit and from the in-vehicle telematics unit to a call center, the temporarily stored encryption code in response to an emergency event;

transmitting the encryption code from the call center to an emergency personnel; and ~~the stored medical information from a telematics unit to a call center responsive to an emergency event~~

accessing, via the emergency personnel, the medical information from the database using the encryption code.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[12]] 20 wherein the transferring of the encryption code from the database to the key device is accomplished using ~~medical information is received in the key device via~~ a local short range wireless network or a wired connection.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the medical information comprises ~~the vehicle user's~~ medical records of the vehicle user.

17. (Currently amended) A system for providing medical information of a vehicle user, comprising:

key device means for receiving and storing an encryption code ~~vehicle user medical information~~, the encryption code associated with the medical information of the vehicle user stored in a database;

vehicle storage means for i) receiving a transmission of the encryption code from the key device means, and ii) temporarily storing ~~medical information transmitted from the key device means~~ the encryption code; [[and]]

an in-vehicle telematics unit in communication with the vehicle storage means;

means for transmitting i) from the vehicle storage means to the in-vehicle telematics unit, and ii) from the in-vehicle telematics unit to a call center, the temporarily stored encryption code in response to an emergency event; and

~~means for wirelessly transmitting the medical information from the vehicle storage means to a call center in response to an emergency event~~

means for accessing, via the emergency personnel, the medical information from the database using the encryption code.

18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 17, further comprising:

means for sensing biometric data of at least one vehicle user, the biometric sensing means located on the key device means; and

means for correlating the sensed biometric data to the medical information of the at least one vehicle user.

19. (New) The system of claim 1, further comprising a database including the medical information of the vehicle user.

20. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein prior to storing the encryption code in the key device, the method further comprises:

associating the encryption code with the medical information of the vehicle user;

storing the encryption code in the database; and

transferring the encryption code from the database to the key device.

21. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein after storing the encryption code in the key device, the method further comprises initiating an ignition cycle of the vehicle.

22. (New) The method of claim 11 wherein the encryption code is temporarily stored in the vehicle storage unit i) while a vehicle ignition is operating; or ii) for a predetermined amount of time after the vehicle ignition is turned off.